

GRACE
BREVARD

To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus

Because He Lives

A worship
series through
1Corinthians 15

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April 11, 2021

1Cor 15:12-20

“Living Heavenward”

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**The Legion
has turned the
parking lot into
a pay lot, but
all parking for
Grace purposes
remains free.**

**We'll let you know the details
asap. Sunday mornings are
free and we are working on
a system for how this
works during the week.**

Giving at Grace Brevard

In-Person



Online



Mail

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84321

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BE SENT BACK

As of April 7

Budgeted YTD: \$208,855
Giving YTD: \$204,913
Difference: -\$3914

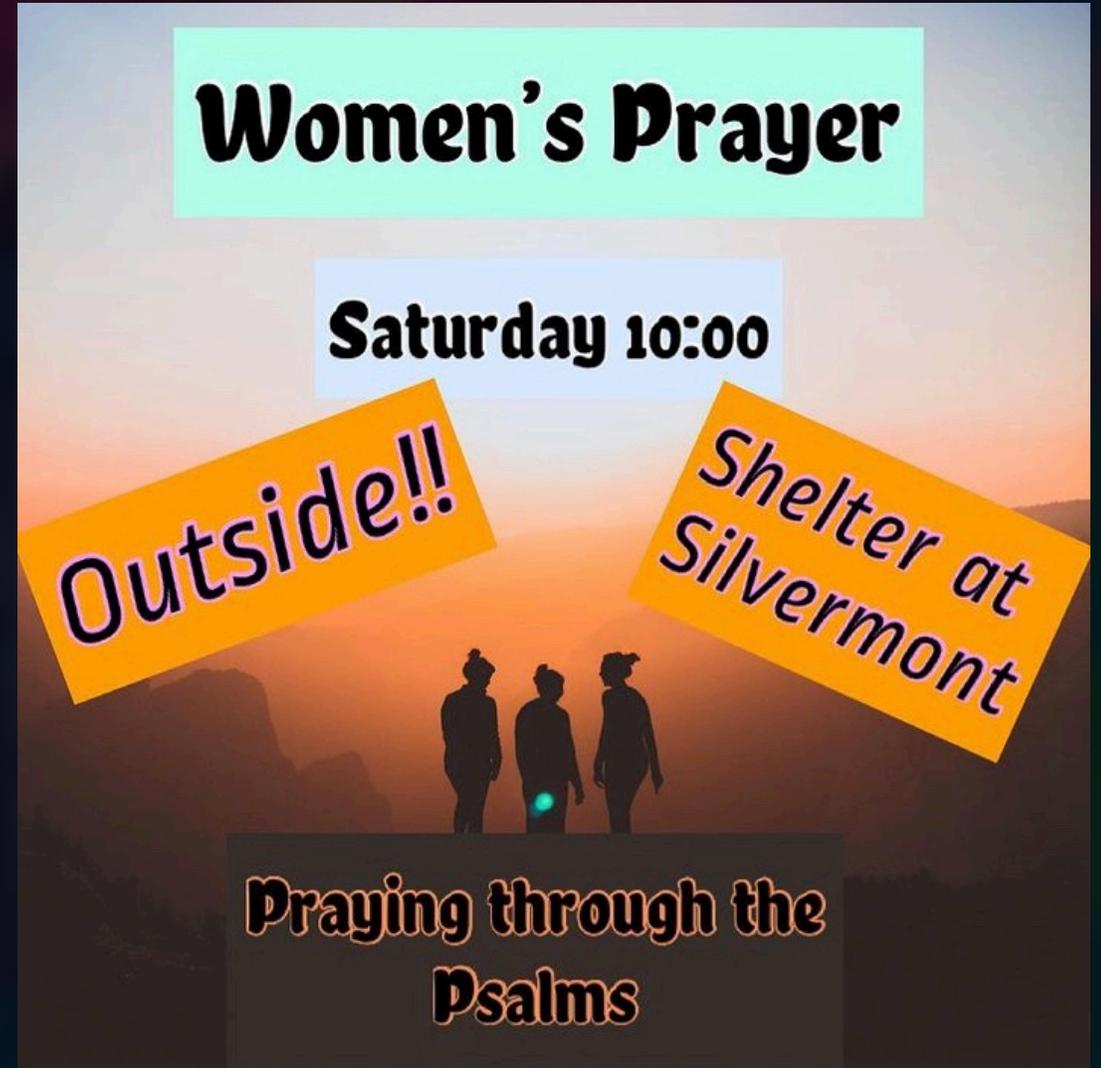
Fiscal Year is September - August

Every-Other-Saturday Prayer Groups



Grace Men's Prayer

**Saturday
9am @
Grace**



Women's Prayer

Saturday 10:00

Outside!!

**Shelter at
Silvermont**

**Praying through the
Psalms**

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- 1) 15:12-20 - We too will rise (living heavenward)
- 2) 15:20-34 - Christ will return to reign (living secure)
- 3) 15:35-49 - Resurrected creation (living renewed)
- 4) 15:50-58 - Ultimate Victory (living strong)

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¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸

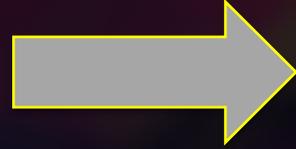
Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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UnResurrection Mindset

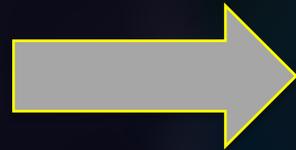
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All of Nothing

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- 1) Jesus Failed
- 2) This is all there is

^{32b} If the dead are not raised,
“Let us eat and drink, for
tomorrow we die.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2

“Futility of futilities,” says the Teacher,
“futility of futilities! Everything is futile!”

³ What does a man gain from all his labor,
at which he toils under the sun?

Resurrection Mindset

²⁰ ***But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.***

²³ But each in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits, then at his
coming those who belong to Christ.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Seek

Perpetual, Desire

Set

Savor, Mindful

	Here Mindset	Heaven Mindset
Fear	Everything to lose	Everything to gain
Resources	"Mine"; Scarcity	Gifted; Outward
Sinfulness	Deny; Grudge	Humble; Gracious
Relationships	What's in it for me?	What's in it for you?
Identity	Self-created; fragile	Valuable; Secure

Asking the world to provide something
that only God can provide.

“Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth 'thrown in';
aim at Earth and you will get neither.”

C.S. Lewis

“Growing my faith in the Face of Death”
by Tim Keller, in *The Atlantic*, March 7, 2021

To our surprise and encouragement, Kathy and I have discovered that the less we attempt to make this world into a heaven, the more we are able to enjoy it.

No longer are we burdening it with demands impossible for it to fulfill. We have found that the simplest things—from sun on the water and flowers in the vase to our own embraces, sex, and conversation—bring more joy than ever. This has taken us by surprise.

This change was not an overnight revolution. As God's reality dawns more on my heart, slowly and painfully and through many tears, the simplest pleasures of this world have become sources of daily happiness. It is only as I have become, for lack of a better term, more heavenly minded that I can see the material world for the astonishingly good divine gift that it is.